

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 17 has been cancelled. On page 3, numbered paragraph 6 of the Office action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-16. Allowed claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

**Cancel Claim 17:**

Claim 17 is cancelled.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

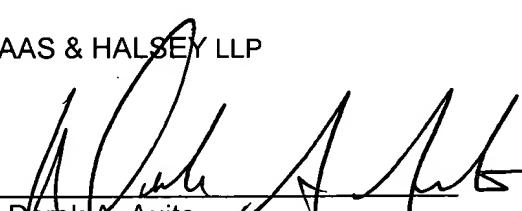
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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